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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Advisory Action, mailed March 27, 2002, and in further response to the final Office Action mailed October 23, 2001, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A Notice of Appeal was mailed March 22, 2002, and the USPTO stamped return postcard was received March 26, 2002. Thus, the response is initially due May 26, 2002. Accordingly, this Response and Amendment is timely filed.

This response is accompanied by a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Thus, the finality of the outstanding final office action will be withdrawn and Applicants are entitled to have this first submission for this RCE entered and considered on the merits. The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Postcard
- Request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
- VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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